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## Global Health Professionals Survey (GHPS)

### **Background and Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) began development of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS) in 1999 with the introduction of the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS). In 2000, the GTSS added the Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS). In 2004, the GTSS in collaboration with the American Cancer Society (ACS) developed the Global Health Professionals Survey (GHPS) which is being pilot tested in 2005.

The purpose of the GTSS is to enhance the capacity of countries to design, implement, and evaluate their national comprehensive tobacco action plan and to monitor the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC). The GYTS focuses on youth aged 13-15 and collects information in schools. The GSPS focuses on teachers and administrators from the same schools that participate in the GYTS. The GHPS will focus on 3rd year students pursuing advanced degrees in medicine, dentistry, nursing, and pharmacology.

### The Role of Health Profressional in Tobacco Control

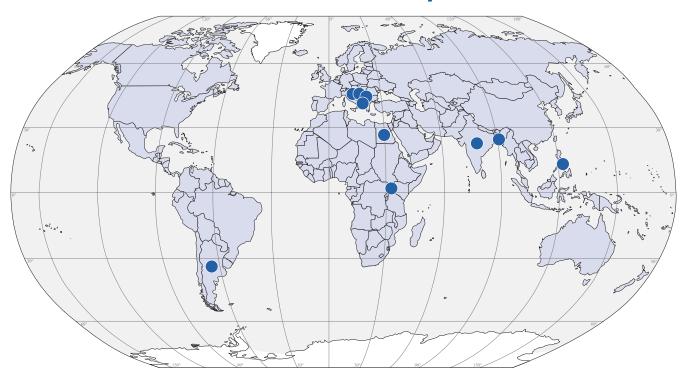
As the lead federal agency, CDC's Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) develops, conducts, and supports strategic efforts for comprehensive tobacco use prevention and control to protect the public's health.

#### The GHPS Pilot

Like the two current GTSS surveys, the GHPS will be school-based, self-administered, and anonymous. The methodology has been shown to be cost effective and successful in 146 countries that have completed the GYTS and in 40 countries that have completed GSPS.

The GHPS will be piloted in ten countries, at least one country from each of the six WHO regions.

# The Global Health Professionals Survey Pilot



- Argentina Albania Croatia Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Republic of Serbia Uganda Egypt Bangladesh India Philippines

### Questionnaire Topics for Students Studying to Be Health Professionals

Prevalence of cigarette smoking and other tobacco use Knowledge and attitudes concerning cigarette smoking

Exposure to second-hand smoke

Cessation of cigarette smoking

Tobacco related curriculum in health professional training programs

### Methodology

School-based survey of 3rd year medical, dental, nursing, and pharmacy students

Multi-stage sample design

Anonymous and confidential self-administered data collection

Use of core instrument with 59 tobacco-specific questions

Option for countries to add additional tobacco-related questions

Use of answer sheets that can be scanned by computer

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